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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefings by the Secretariat

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information [91] (A/54/21 and Add.1, A/54/415)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.29 *(item 100 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.23 *(item 100 (f))*

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.21 *(item 99 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.27 *(item 98 (a))* and A/C.2/54/L.32* *(item 103)*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

   *Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1 and L.88**

2. Advancement of women [109]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.67, L.70, L.72, L.73, L.74, L.75, L.77, L.78 and L.79

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.60, L.63, L.76, L.80 and L.81

4. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

5. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/54/L.90

6. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

   Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1 Vol. I-III, A/54/7 and Add.1, A/54/16, A/54/127, A/54/206, A/54/434, A/54/443, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/16, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/22, A/C.5/54/23, A/C.5/54/25, A/C.5/54/26, A/C.5/54/27, A/53/7/Add.15, A/53/641, A/53/643, A/53/794, A/53/833, A/53/955, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	34th meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Action on the draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.11

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the measures to eliminate international terrorism (*item 160)*

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16 concerning the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism submitted under agenda item 160 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism)

* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report
2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Section 26 (Public information)
3. Death and disability benefits

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 16 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 (globalization and interdependence) (item 104) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

Resumed substantive session

The Committee on Conferences will hold its 425th meeting (at a date and time to be announced later) to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)*.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).

* To be issued.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 16 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 99 (f) (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990's); item 98 (b) (Business and development); and item 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(open-ended informal consultations on the right to development)

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209B

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 98 (b) (Business and development); item 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources); and item 97 (c) (Trade and development): unilateral economic measures as a means of economic coercion against developing countries)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: all pending issues)

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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Informal briefing

The New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights invites all interested members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations to a briefing with Ms. Catherine von Heidenstam, Chairperson of the Working Group on a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on "The Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict", which will take place *today*, 16 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	54th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	55th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]: marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law :

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)

(c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 55th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on Wednesday, 17 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Quadripartite Coordination Committee on International Cooperation on Chernobyl *(at the ministerial level)* on Thursday, 18 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Special meeting

In connection with the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, there will be a special meeting, organized by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Wednesday, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Percival M. Mofokeng, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, and Ms. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Panel discussions

There will be a multisectoral panel discussion on "Malaria and the Proposed Global Treaty Banning DDT", co-sponsored by the NGO Health Committee, the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the Global Alliance for Women's Health, on Wednesday, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Dr. David Nabarro, Program Manager, Rollback Malaria Initiative of the WHO, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 15 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4069th meeting

Tribute to the memory of the victims of the United Nations plane crash in Kosovo, Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council.

The Council observed a minute of silence.

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Briefing by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by His Excellency Mr. Ante Jelavic, Chair of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, His Excellency Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and His Excellency Mr. Zivko Radisic, Member of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, the Russian Federation, Canada, Malaysia, Argentina, the United Kingdom, China, Brazil, Bahrain, the Netherlands, the Gambia, Namibia and Gabon, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovenia.

The members of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina responded to comments and questions by the members of the Council.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

53rd plenary meeting

Earthquake in Turkey and crash of a United Nations airplane in Kosovo

The Vice-President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of Turkey for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which has resulted from the recent earthquake, and to the families of the victims of the recent crash of a United Nations airplane in Kosovo.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie [25]:

(a) Report of the Secretary General (A/54/397)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.25)

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.25.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, Romania, Mauritius, Senegal, Cambodia, Togo, Haiti, Burundi, Benin, Egypt and Cameroon.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and decision 53/453 of 18 December 1998, the observer for the International Organization of la Francophonie made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.25 (resolution 54/25)

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 25.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/540)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/540), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on the Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Mr. Gérard Biraud (France), Ms. Norma Goicochea Estenoz (Cuba), Mr. Vladimir Kuznetsov (Russian Federation), Ms. Susan Shearouse (United States) and Mr. Roger Tchoungui (Cameroon).

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/541)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/541), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar Netto (Brazil), Mr. Ju Kuilin (China), Mr. Sergei Mareyev (Russian Federation), Mr. Angel Marrón (Spain), Mr. Hae-Yun Park (Republic of Korea) and Mr. Ugo Sessi (Italy).

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/542)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/542), appointed the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa as a member of the United Nations Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2000.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/543)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/543), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investment Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Ms. Francine Bovich (United States), Mr. Takeshi Ohta (Japan) and Mr. Peter Stormonth Darling (United Kingdom).

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/544)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/544), appointed the following persons as members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000: Julio Barboza (Argentina) and Mayer Gabay (Israel).

(f) Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/545)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/54/545), appointed Mr. Amjad Hussain Sial (Pakistan) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 15 November 1999 and ending 31 December 2000.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 17.

Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency: draft resolution (A/54/L.21/Rev.1) [14]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 14.

The representative of France made a statement in the course of which he submitted an amendment to draft resolution A/54/L.21/Rev.1.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India and the Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly adopted the oral amendment submitted by the representative of France.

By 112 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the third preambular paragraph of draft resolution A/54/L.21/Rev.1, as orally amended.

By 122 votes to 1, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.21/Rev.1 as a whole, as orally amended (resolution 54/26).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Israel, Lebanon and China.

The representative of Azerbaijan made a statement on a point of order.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 14.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that agenda item 21 (University of Peace), originally scheduled for Tuesday, 16 November, would be considered on Thursday, 18 November, in the morning, as the second item. The Assembly was also informed that agenda item 41 (Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic) would be considered on Wednesday, 24 November, in the morning, as the third item.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(c) Trade and development

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Saint Lucia, Egypt, the Philippines and Azerbaijan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 97 (c).

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and Mr. Jan Kriegel, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, aligned them-selves with this statement), New Zealand, Mali, Mexico, Norway, the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 97 (b).

THIRD COMMITTEE 46th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to defer action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.27 and A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions:

A/C.3/54/L.62

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Oman, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.64

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Denmark and Malta, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.65

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.66

The representative of Austria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Azerbaijan and Romania, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.68

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Malta, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.69

The representative of Norway, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Estonia and Greece, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.71

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

A/C.3/54/L.59

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, China, Ukraine, the Sudan, Colombia, Yemen, Argentina and Croatia.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Organization for Migration.

The representative of the World Bank also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 38th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) would be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Nester Odaga-Jalomayo (Uganda).

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 32nd meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovakia, Egypt, Iraq, Maldives, Romania, Oman, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Qatar, Cuba, Azerbaijan (on behalf of the States of the GUUAM Group (Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and the Republic of Moldova)), Turkey and Peru.

The Chairman spoke.

33rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 160 and heard statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, Iraq (on a point of order), China, Madagascar, Malawi, Hungary, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Lebanon, South Africa, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guatemala, Israel and Bahrain.

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.9

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the Decade of International Law introduced the draft resolution and made an oral revision.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.9, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.10

The Chairperson of the Working Group on the Decade of International Law introduced the draft resolution and made an oral revision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Solomon Islands.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.10, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 154.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed session

50th meeting

The Council observed one minute of silence in tribute to those who had died in the air accident of the World Food Programme plane.

The Council adopted the agenda for the meeting, as indicated in the *Journal*.

Briefing on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [1]

The Assistant-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs briefed the Council on the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

The Assistant-Secretary-General responded to questions raised by the representative of Bangladesh.

Report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights [2]

The Council resumed consideration of the item and had before it a draft decision entitled "Situation of human rights in East Timor" (E/1999/23/Add.1).

A statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure was before the Council (E/1999/L.59).

H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mongoaela (Lesotho), Vice-President, reported on the results of the informal consultations conducted by him.

A statement was made by the representative of Indonesia in the course of which a roll-call vote was requested.

Statements were made by the representative of Canada, as well as by the observers for Malaysia, Portugal and Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Before the vote, statements in explanation of the vote were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Japan, India and China.

The Council then adopted the draft decision by a roll-call vote of 27 to 10, with 11 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Cuba and Venezuela.

Statements were then made by the representative of Indonesia and the observer for Portugal.

Election of one member to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme [3]

The President informed the Council that the FAO Conference had agreed to the revisions of the general regulations of the World Food Programme.

The Council then elected Hungary, by acclamation, to serve on the Executive Board of the World Food Programme for a term beginning on 1 January 2000 and expiring on 31 December 2002.

Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the World Summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-eighth session [4]

Document E/1999/L.60

H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mongoaela (Lesotho), Vice-President, reported on the results of the informal consultations conducted by him.

The Council then adopted the draft decision.

Letter dated 19 October 1999 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Council (E/1999/121) [5]

The Council decided to consider this issue at its next meeting.

Organizational matters

The President made a statement in the course of which he informed the Council that its final meeting of 1999 would be held on Thursday, 9 December, at 10.30 a.m. The agenda would include, *inter alia*, a discussion with the Committee of 24 on issues relating to United Nations assistance to dependent territories; the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the ACC; international cooperation in tax matters; programme of work for the Committee for Development Policy; advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the difference relating to immunity from legal process of a special rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
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MONDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1999

401st meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Azerbaijan (CAT/C/37/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

402nd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the third periodic report of Finland and continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Peru.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 399th meeting.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification. Slovenia (15 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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